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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
3. Copies of Cited References; and
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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 25436/1715. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A listing of the cited documents is also enclosed, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of the documents in the list.

Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(e)(1), each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or International application. Because this statement is being filed within three months of receipt of the Search Report, no fee is believed to be due. A copy of the Search Report is included and cited on the enclosed PTO-1449.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initial		Document No.	Publication Date	Country	Class Subclass Translation
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)					
	1.	Tanaka, et al., "High-pressure adaptation by salt stress in a moderately halophilic bacterium obtained from open seawater", Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology (2001), V. 57, Pages 200-204.			
	2.	Copy of the International Search Report (PCT/US03/31439)			
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